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“During operation Allied Force in Kosovo, we took real-time video imagery from Predator and fused it with digital terrain data on the ground in Italy to produce highly precise target coordinates for our precision-guided munitions. These coordinates were then relayed to attack aircraft, typically in minutes.”

-- Air Force Posture Statement
2000

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Former President George Bush discusses flight operations with, left, Air Warfare Center commander Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston and Joseph Callahan. In the background, Capt. Bill Sullivan, at left, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Schneider, both from the 66th RQS, 66th Rescue Squadron commander Lt. Col. listen. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)

Former commander-in-chief visits Nellis

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Ramey
AWFC Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Most people with a few extra hours in Las Vegas sink a couple more dollars into the slots, take in a show, or do some last-minute shopping. For former President George H.W. Bush, it was the perfect opportunity to see the modern-day Air Force he played a major role in shaping. The former leader of the free world visited Nellis Air Force Base Feb. 2 to meet airmen, see a variety of aircraft, and tour base facilities.

“The president personally called us about 8:50 a.m.,” said Air Warfare Center Commander Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston. “He said

he had a little extra time and asked if he could come out and take a look around. We were honored to receive such a request and met him at the gate 30 minutes later.”

During his two and a half-hour stay, the former commander-in-chief visited Red Flag, took a flightline tour, stopped by the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, “Thunderbirds,” viewed a CAPSTONE static display, and met with members of the 66th Rescue Squadron and Air Warfare Center.

At Red Flag, President Bush spoke with approximately 200 crew members briefing for early afternoon sorties.

“He thanked us for the job

we’re doing and also said as the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency he appreciates us helping to improve the operations and intelligence interface,” said Lt. Col. Pat Newcomb, 414th Combat Training Squadron, Red Flag, director of staff. “Then he told us to get back to work before the new commander-in-chief gets mad.”

Following the Red Flag visit, the president proceeded on a one-mile flightline tour. With a Red Flag exercise in progress, President Bush saw more than 100 Air Force and Navy aircraft. During the tour, he had an opportunity to stop and spend a few minutes

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ACC vice commander has high hopes for future

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Donald Cook, Air Combat Command vice commander, has been on the ground floor of the Expeditionary Air Force, having been the director of EAF implementation at the Pentagon.

"So far it's going surprisingly well," said Gen. Cook. "Predictability and stability for all our airmen were our major goals, and we are achieving that. The data shows that we are providing 120 days minimum notice to troops going TDY. They not only know when and where they'll be going, but also what job they'll be doing."

Improvements in retention rates cannot be directly attributed to the EAF, according to Gen. Cook. Multiple factors play a part. "Early notification, however, is a good thing," he said. "Some people don't like going TDY at all, but advance notification makes life a great deal easier."

Recruiters are being encouraged to talk EAF and Air Expeditionary Forces, so there will be no shocks to the system the first time a recruit is scheduled to deploy. Recruiters are being told to be "up front" in telling people what to expect, by letting them know that every troop on base is deployable at certain intervals.

"Potential troops are being told what AEF they are in, when the AEF

is slated to go and what the obligations are in being associated as part of the AEF, Gen. Cook stated. "I would like to see airmen that are not in an AEF want to get into an AEF, because the Air Force is all over the world, and I think that we are providing forces that are more combat ready, simply because we can match the training to the deployment."

Gen. Cook, however, doesn't expect AEF to change operations tempo. "Internationally we do not control OpsTempo. We still have international obligations and training tempo that we must fulfill. But the personnel tempo is what the AEF affects for us. It gets the people that predictability and stability, and when our airmen understand that they can only be in one AEF and cannot be in multiple AEFs, we will begin to realize some of the benefits of the EAF concept."

When asked about some of the challenges ACC will face in the future, Gen. Cook said, "I think the challenges will always be 'do we have enough spare parts, enough money to buy spare parts, not only for the troops that work on the flightline, but also for those that fix trucks and work on communications equipment.' People always appreciate pay raises. We have an obligation to keep the promises we've made in the way of entitlements and quality of life, but quality of work is also part of that equation."

"When we ask a maintainer to cannibalize parts off another aircraft because we don't have spare parts in the bin, that's not right. They need to have a reasonable expectation that when they're asked to fix an airplane, they can go to Supply and get the part. It's not Supply's fault; the airplanes are getting older. We have got to make the investments in the industrial base to make sure we've got all the spare parts that we need."

The general thinks the F-22 coming on board will solve some of these problems. "Part of our success story

is even though our aircraft are getting older, our airmen can figure out ways to get them airborne. We sometimes pay a price for our own success, our own ingenuity. I think that with the F-22 coming on line, I anticipate reliability rates with this airplane will be much higher than with current airplanes. If you look back over time, we're getting better at avionics and mean time between failures are increasing, so you don't have to replace them as often. I look for good things out of this airplane in terms of reliability, maintainability and supportability."



Lt. General Donald Cook, left, and General L.D. Johnston meet on the Nellis flightline. (Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III)

RQ-1L Predator accident report released

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Officials investigating the Sept. 14 crash of an RQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle near Indian Springs Auxiliary Field, Nev., have determined the accident resulted from operator error. The Predator, from the 15th Reconnaissance Squadron based at Indian Springs,

was destroyed in the accident. There were no injuries or significant property damage as a result of the crash.

According to Air Combat Command's Accident Investigation Report released Feb. 2, the pilot, who flies the aircraft from a ground control station, inadvertently

cleared the primary control module's random access memory. As a result, the Predator lost its data link connection with the ground control station. The pilot was no longer able to communicate with the aircraft and make flight control inputs.

The crew attempted to re-establish

the link with the aircraft, but they were unsuccessful. The Predator stalled shortly after the data link was lost, and it impacted the ground several minutes later.

For more information, contact the Air Combat Command Public Affairs office at 1-757-764-5994 or e-mail acc.pab@langley.af.mil.

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New urban targets challenge Nellis pilots

By Mr. Rob Starrett
AWFC Range Management Office

The Air Warfare Center Range Management Office has constructed an urban target during a target rebuild exercise on Range 76 of the Nevada Test and Training Range.

The target was actually built by Lockheed Martin and Arcata, the RMO support contractors, and was constructed with materials obtained from the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office.

The idea behind this much-needed target array was to provide a realistic training target for aircrews deploying laser-guided bombs. During the recent Operation Peacekeeper (Kosovo), collateral damage was one of the biggest concerns. The enemy placed critical assets in the midst of civilian structures with the idea that it would keep the target from being bombed. An example would be to place a communications node between a public building and a hospital. If the comm node is targeted and collateral damage occurs, then it is possible innocent civilians could become casualties of war.

The urban target mostly consists of U.S. Army pontoon bridge supports. High-grade aluminum beams were bolted together to form large cubes. These cubes were then stacked and secured and made to resemble an urban area. Once the structures were formed, the sides of the cubes were covered with camouflage netting.

The "buildings" are one to three stories tall. The target complex includes a soccer field, water storage facility, railroad loading dock, 80-foot radio antenna, courthouse, cemetery, roads and several parking lots with small vehicles. Throughout the complex, actual M-60 tanks and armored personnel carriers were placed for targeting. Civilian vehicles were also placed between the tanks to give aircrews



Above, a simulated three-story building is under construction. Below, a view of the "town" shows what a pilot sees as he approaches. (File photos)



practice in dealing with the real-world problem of collateral damage. Simulated threats and remotely fired smokey surface-to-air missiles are also part of the complex.

The main concept of the new urban target—surgical removal of targets—is capable only with precision-guided munitions. This target provides the aerial warfighter the means to train in similar conditions and environ-



Above, construction of the urban area consists of discarded Army pontoon bridge supports. The beams were bolted together to form cubes and then covered in camouflage to simulate buildings. Below, a water tower is made from the same construction materials.



ments that they might face in worldwide conflicts.

Target 76-11 eventually will be expanded with more buildings and combined with other complexes for deep-interdiction training. A rail line will connect the different complexes and include a simulated train.

Air Force system makes job search easier for civilians

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Job seekers no longer have to look for civilian Air Force job vacancies on their own once they register in the Civilian Announcement Notification System (CANS) here.

According to civilian personnel officials, anyone with a valid e-mail address interested in seeking employment at the Air Force Personnel Center serviced installations throughout the Air Force is eligible to sign on, including military members close to retiring or separating. After registering, the individual will automatically receive a list of new Air Force civilian job announcements structured to match their specific search criteria.

Subscription service for CANS is

free and only available via AFPC's civilian employment web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afss/>. To register, select sub-

such as occupational series, pay plan, grade combinations and duty location. CANS does the rest."

The system automatically

"The great thing about CANS is that it eliminates the need to continually check for new job announcements."

Mr. Lee McGehee
chief, Delegated Examining Unit/Recruitment Center

scribe and log on.

"The system is very user-friendly," said Mr. Lee McGehee, chief, Delegated Examining Unit/Recruitment Center at AFPC. "Once you're logged on, the system will take you through the process step-by-step. All you need to do is list your specific job criteria,

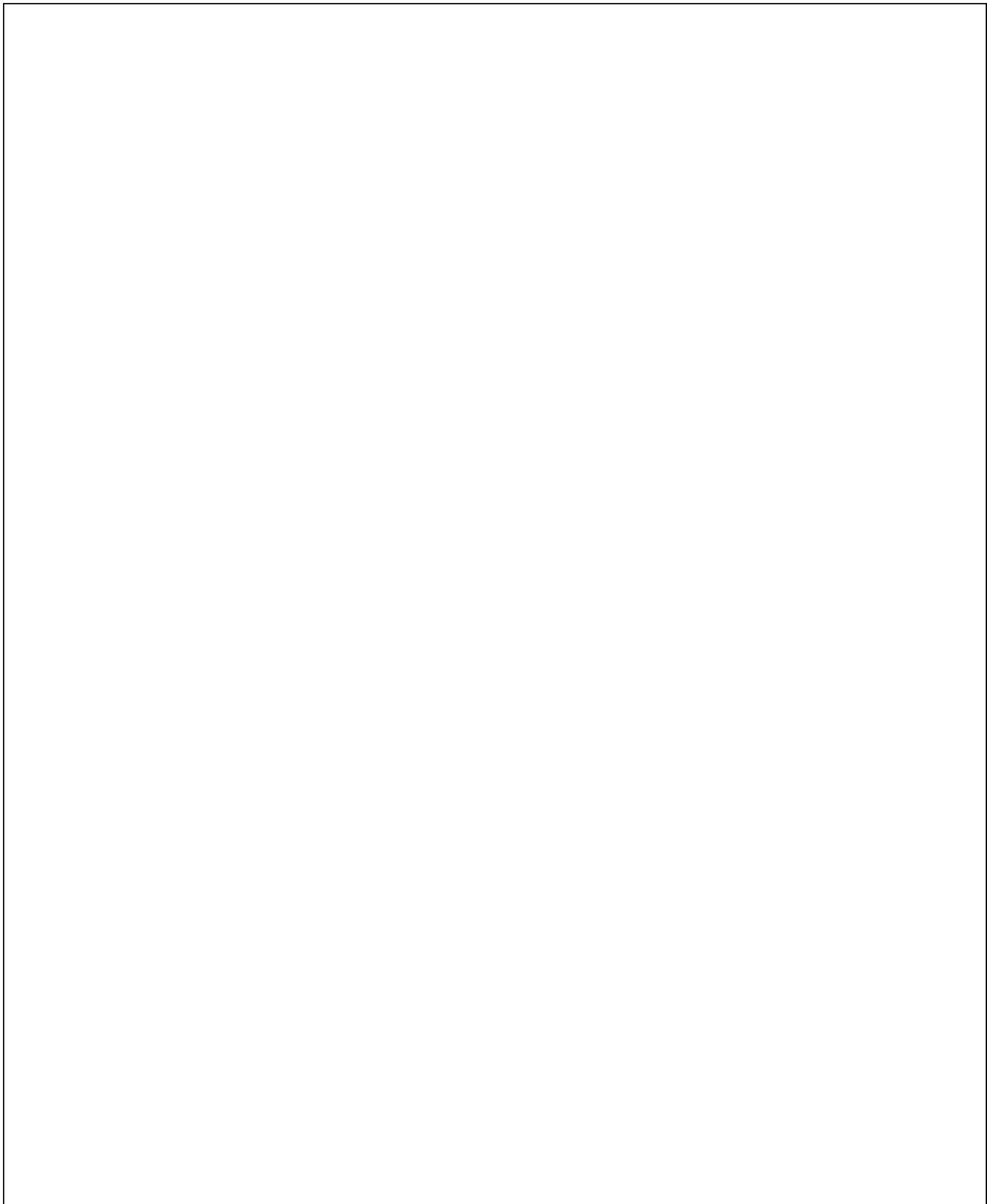
searches for jobs based on search criteria and if there are any matches, an e-mail is sent to the individual listing the job announcement number, description, pay plan, occupational series, grade, job location, closing date and the announcement's Web address.

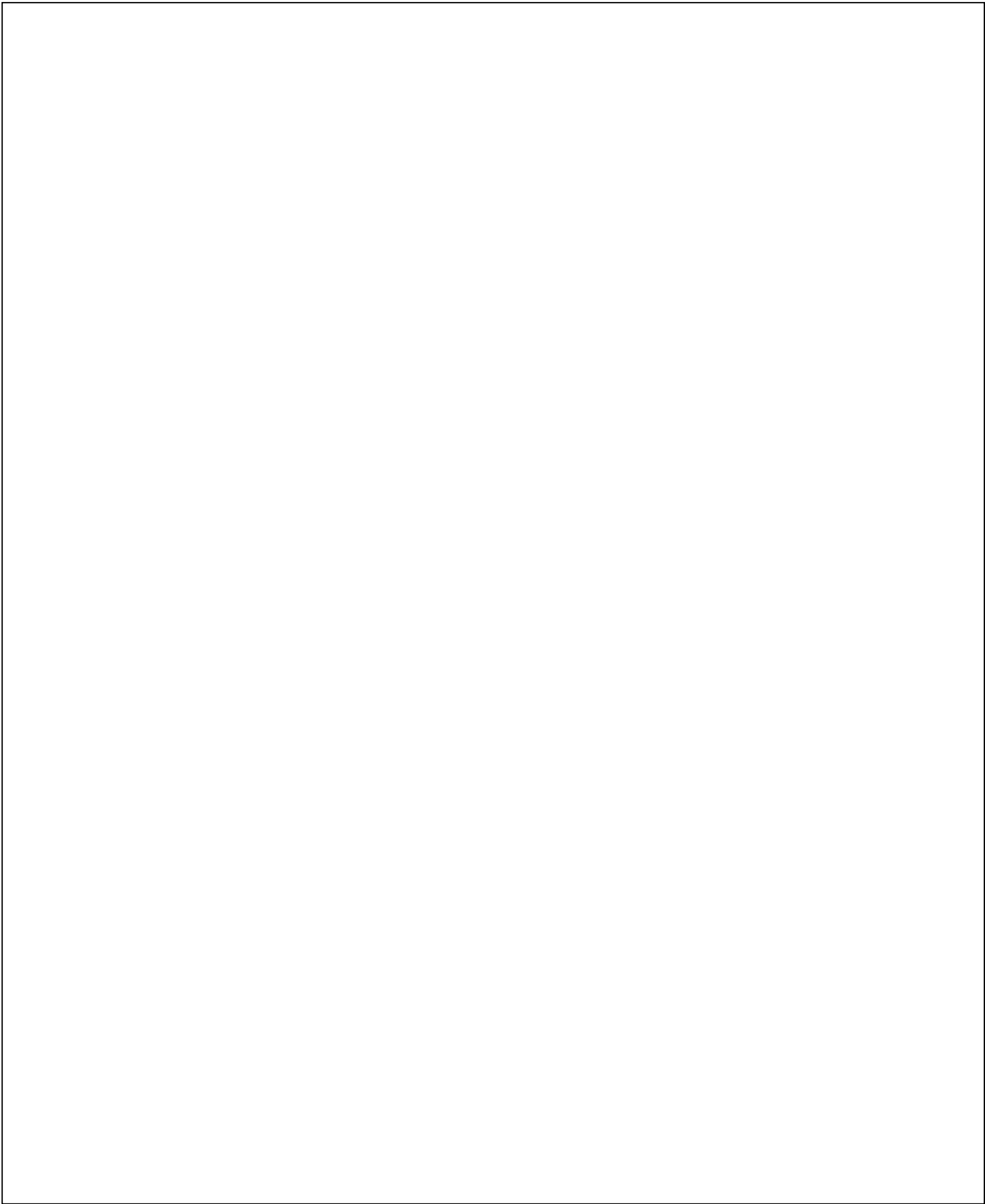
Search criteria entered into the system expires after 180 days. However, the information can be changed at any time, initiating another 180-day cycle.

"The great thing about CANS is that it eliminates the need to continually check for new job announcements," said McGehee.

Potential applicants for Air Force civilian jobs can also find an endless source of employment information, from links to position announcements to detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit a properly formatted resume on the civilian employment home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs/.

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Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied

with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

An empty seat at a lone table: honoring our missing comrades-in-arms

By Mr. Rudi Williams
Armed Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – A small pristine table with one chair sat near the podium during this year's seventh annual Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel National Day of Prayer breakfast on Feb. 1.

It was a table set for one, which symbolizes that service members were missing from the midst of the annual gathering.

"They're commonly called prisoners of war or missing in action," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Vince Cromer of the Defense POW and Missing Personnel Office. "We call them 'brothers'. They're unable to be with us today." Cromer asked the gathering to remember that the table set for one symbolizes

the frailty of one alone against his oppressors.

"The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms," Cromer told the large gathering of top Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, State Department, veterans organizations, former POWs and families of missing personnel.

A single long-stemmed red rose protruded high above a crystal vase with a red ribbon tied around it. "...the rose reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return," Cromer explained. "...the red ribbon is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breast of thousands who bear

witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing."

Of the slice of lemon on the bread plate, Cromer said the lemon "reminds us of their bitter fate."

"A salt shaker filled with salt is symbolic of the families' tears as they wait," he said.

Cromer said the glass on the table was upside down because "they can't drink with us this morning."

The chair is empty because, "they're not here," he said.

He asked the audience to remember that "all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you!"

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with 15 members of the 94th Fighter Squadron who deployed to Nellis from Langley Air Force Base, Va., with 124 members and 11 F-15C/D aircraft to fly against U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School students.

"It was an honor to meet President Bush," said Senior Master Sgt. George Short, superintendent of the 94th Fighter Squadron's sortie generation flight. "He talked to us about the Air Force mission and asked us if it was hardship duty coming from Langley to this Las Vegas weather. He also said he is proud of us, the mission we're doing, and to keep up the great work."

Toward the end of the flightline tour, the president stopped at the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds." Escorted by Thunderbird Commander and Leader Lt. Col. John Venable, President Bush toured the Thunderbird squadron, meeting with pilots, maintainers, and support personnel.

"We were honored to have President Bush visit the Thunderbirds," said Col. Venable. "We showed him our work areas and were able to give him a better understanding of how our air dem-

onstrations represent the professional qualities the Air Force develops in its people. We also explained how our red, white and blue jets are a vivid reminder to young people that the Air Force is still hiring and the role we play in recruiting 30,000 new members each year."

The squadron presented the president with a Thunderbird F-16 model and 20-by-24-inch personalized photo.

After the Thunderbirds, President Bush spent 45 minutes viewing a 13-aircraft static display which included two F-16s, an F-15C, F-15E, A-10, and HH-60 from Nellis; a B-1 from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; B-2 from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; B-52 from Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; C-5 from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; E-3 from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; EC-130 from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and an F-117 from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Walking to each aircraft, President Bush shook the hand of every airman participating in the static display, which was set up in support of Nellis' role in CAPSTONE. For Airman First Class Erin Flynn, an F-117 assistant crew chief with the 9th Fighter Squadron from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., it was the

thrill of a lifetime.

Flynn, who crews the 49th Fighter Operations Group commander's aircraft, was only 12 when President Bush directed the F-117s she works on today into Baghdad to hit key targets at the beginning of Operation Desert Storm. "I really felt proud giving him a tour of my aircraft," she said. "He's the one president I've always wanted to meet because I have a lot of respect for him."

From the static display, the president, his personal aide, and secret service agents were escorted to the 66th Rescue Squadron who were waiting in formation for his arrival.

"The president shook hands with everybody and said he's proud of what we're doing," said Master Sgt. John Brant, 66th Rescue Squadron first sergeant, who presented President Bush with a hat and coin on behalf of the entire squadron. "This is the second time I had a chance to meet the President. He's an awesome guy and it's a big boost for our airmen."

At the end of his tour, President Bush stopped at the Air Warfare Center headquarters to meet staff members.

"Thanks for a great day," President Bush said as he was preparing to depart. "You're all doing a great job for our country."

Quarterly birthday meal

The quarterly birthday meal is scheduled for March 8 at 5 p.m. in Mountain View Inn Dining Facility. We will be recognizing individuals who have celebrated birthdays in the months of October through March. People are invited to bring a guest. Anyone receiving separate ration allowance and civilian guests must pay the cost of the meal plus the surcharge. Persons on meal cards are free. Menu consists of grilled steak, lobster tail, baked potato, broccoli, Caesar salad, cake, ice cream and non-alcoholic wine and much, much, more. RSVP to the Food Service Staff office at 652-7255, by March 5. Seating is limited.



Units name annual, quarterly award winners

Congratulations to the following Nellis award winners:

57th Logistics Support Sq.
Viper AMF, Load Crew of the Quarter:
Airman 1st Class Carlos Ventura
Senior Airman Jason King
Staff Sgt. Anthony Wilson

99th Support Group annual winners
Airman 1st Class Ashley S. Sorrels, 99th Communications Squadron, Airman of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Casey D. Hill, 99th Security Forces Squadron, NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Daniel Koning, 99th Security Forces Squadron, Senior NCO of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Mark A. Taylor, 99th Civil

Engineering Squadron, First Sergeant of the Year

1st Lt. Adam S. Mercier, 99th Security Forces Squadron, Company Grade Officer of the Year

Ms. Stephanie Pittman, 99th Services Squadron, Civilian of the Year, Category I

Mr. Billie K. Looney, 99th Communications Squadron, Civilian of the Year, Category II

Mr. Darrell L. Ellis, 99th Communications Squadron, Civilian of the Year, Category III

99th Civil Engineer Squadron outstanding performers for the fourth quarter

Senior Airman Vivian Proctor

Tech. Sgt. John Holland

Master Sgt. Randall Vis

2nd Lt. Jason Nolting

Mr. Joseph Benenati, Civilian Category I

Mr. Joseph Hart, Civilian Category II

99th Civil Engineer Squadron outstanding performers, annual winners
Senior Airman Bryon Eastes

Staff Sgt. Harvey Bowling

Master Sgt. Somanita Chotkowski

1st Lt. Jason E. Yates

Ms. Nancy Conley, Civilian Category I

Ms. Vicky Harlan, Civilian Category II



Nellis rescue crew honored for recovery of downed pilot

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Forbes
AWFC Flight Safety Office

Members of the 66th Rescue Squadron, 99th Aerospace Medical Squadron and two pararescue specialists of the 129th Rescue Squadron, Moffett Field, Calif., received the Air Combat Command Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction for December.

Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston, Air Warfare Center commander, presented the award at the Nellis quarterly flight safety meeting Jan. 26.

Captains Ed Lengel, Kate Hene, and Steven Gregurek, Tech. Sgt. Derek Pinkerton, and Staff Sgts. Kevin Stewart, Patrick Slavin and Richard Dixon received the award for their actions while on alert duty in support of a Green Flag exercise.

Last Aug. 8, the HH-60G helicopter crew was notified that F-16 pilot, call sign Viper 4, had ejected from his aircraft after a midair collision with another aircraft while flying a test upgrade mission. The crew responded immediately and performed a scramble launch.

While en route the crew was updated with critical informa-

tion about the crash location and condition of the downed pilot. Rescuers learned he was located on a sheer cliff face on the north side of Mormon Mesa and appeared to be in good condition; however, radio contact could not

narios and prepared their PJs for the retrieval. Preliminary power calculations determined they lacked sufficient engine power with their present aircraft gross weight to hover at the rescue site.

Once on scene, the helicopter

tion. However, the aircraft was still too heavy due to strong downdrafts. The crew then decided to further lighten the load by dropping off the flight surgeon, one of the PJs and some equipment.

Capt. Lengel returned to the downed pilot's location and maneuvered his HH-60G to within a few feet of the cliff's jagged edge. This allowed the PJ to be lowered to the pilot while preventing the pilot's parachute from re-inflating and dragging him off the cliff. The flight engineer, Tech. Sgt. Pinkerton, skillfully maneuvered the PJ into a position where he could assist the pilot onto the lift basket. Only after ensuring Viper 4 was secured to the rescue device did the PJ release the downed pilot's parachute. The flight engineer received the thumbs up from the PJ and hoisted them safely into the helicopter.

Capt. Lengel and crew then picked up the flight surgeon and PJ and began the return flight to Nellis. En route the PJs and flight surgeon secured the pilot to a backboard and continually assessed his condition until landing.



66th Rescue Squadron helicopters practice maneuvers on the Nellis Range. (File photo)

be established. It was also noted his parachute was tangled in the rocks above and was the only thing preventing him from falling off a small ledge. The crew discussed possible pickup sce-

crew made an observation pass, identifying specific hazards associated with retrieving the downed pilot. After reducing their fuel load they made a practice approach to the pilot's loca-



Prince Sultan Air Base seeks command chief master sergeant

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force Personnel Center's Chiefs' Group here is assisting Headquarters Air Combat Command in its search for a command chief master sergeant for the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. The reporting date for the job is June 24.

Application packages must include:

- * Copy of last five enlisted performance reports
- * Current records review RIP
- * A brief statement outlining personal qualifications and motivations for the job
- * A letter of recommendation from wing commander or equivalent
- * Biography

Chiefs interested in applying for the job can contact the Chief's Group at DSN 665-2774 for more information and details on where to send application packages, due by Feb. 19.

AFAF hosts story contest

The Nellis community is invited to write a short story on how the Air Force Assistance Fund embodies caring for others. The top five articles submitted will be posted on the Web, where readers can vote on which one they thought was the best. Each e-mail address will be limited to one vote. The writer with the most votes will receive a six-piece champagne set, which includes a crystal ice bucket, silver plated rack, and four flutes. Prize may be substituted with two six-piece sets of beautiful French crystal wine glasses.

Eligibility: Any officer, enlisted, dependents, retirees and DoD civil-

ians in the Nellis community.

Deadline: Submission deadline is March 6.

Format: Individual choice. May be fiction or non-fiction (if writing about someone not yourself, please change the names). Length limited to 500 words.

Send entries to: Entries can be submitted to jfcc.cca@nellis.af.mil attention, AFAF. Or send to JFCC/DOA (AFAF) 4008 Tyndall, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. 89191.

Winner may remain anonymous, otherwise, the winning article will be printed in the Bullseye in March.

For more information, call Capt. Teresa Suh, at 652-9474.



Blacks here from the start: How much do you know?

"After each war, of 1776, of 1812, of 1861, history repeats itself in the absolute effacement of remembrance of the gallant deeds done for the country by its brave black defenders and in their relegation to outer darkness. History further repeats itself in the fact that in every war so far known to this country, the first blood, and, in some cases, the last also, has been shed by the faithful Negro, and this in spite of all the years of bondage and oppression, and wrongs unspeakable."

Christian Fleetwood

As a continued commemoration of African-American Heritage Month, the following quiz is provided to test your knowledge of Blacks' contribution to the American Revolution.

Rules: Complete the quiz to the best of your knowledge. Cut the quiz out and bring it to the Public Affairs office in the Air Warfare Center and place it in the "Military His-

tory Quiz" box before Friday, Feb 16. Those who have ALL the correct answers will have their names drawn from a box to win a full package of the new Air Force lithographs and an Aerospace Power-CAPSTONE interactive CD-ROM.

Four names will be drawn. The winners will be contacted by e-mail and their names will appear in the Feb. 23 issue of the Bullseye.



(Photo courtesy of African Americans in the Military organization)

Black Patriots Quiz

Read the following biographies and determine which Black American Patriot listed below fits the biography. Write the corresponding letter in the blank preceding each biography. Please include your contact information below.

____ A runaway slave who believed fiercely in freedom; commanded the people of Boston "do not be afraid" as he struck out against the Redcoats and became the first hero to die in an attack that spurred the American Revolution.

____ A slave and volunteer soldier who, upon killing a British soldier to avenge the murder of his commander, was bayoneted 33 times by other British. Despite his valiant act and death, his only recognition is at the bottom of a Boston monument, which misstates his nickname, Lambo, as Sambo.

____ A 15-year-old powderboy who, upon his ship's capture, declined an offer from the captain's son to escape to England to live as an aristocrat, saying "I am...a prisoner for the liberties of my country. I never, never shall prove a traitor to her interests!" Sentenced to a notorious slave ship, he again denied escape for himself, allowing a younger fellow prisoner to take his place hiding in the clothing chest of a departing officer.

____ A 28-year-old freedman, who voluntarily enlisted, is said to have shot and killed British Lt. Col. James Ambercrombie. Though 14 American officers sought Congress to bestow reward recognition to him, there is no record Congress ever did so.

____ Enlisted as a private at age 20, he gallantly served under General George Washington at numerous battles, including that at the crossing of the Delaware and at Yorktown, where he saw the last American killed in the Revolution. Despite a dedicated six-year tour of volunteer duty, he died a pauper at the age of 100, without even a marker for his grave.

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| A. Salem Poor | D. Oliver Cromwell |
| B. James Forten | E. Lambert Latham |
| C. Crispus Attucks | |

Name: _____

Unit: _____ e-mail: _____



Air Force extends bonus for February, March enlistments

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is offering an additional bonus for people enlisting into select career fields, and reporting for active duty between Feb. 1 and March 30.

This bonus is in addition to any standard enlistment bonus currently offered for those career fields.

For instance, a six-year enlistment bonus for the cryptological linguist career field, currently at \$9,000, will also offer a \$5,000 “kicker” in February for a total of \$14,000. Other additional bonuses range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 depending on career field and term of enlistment.

“We offered a kicker for the month of January, and it gave us just the boost we needed,” said Col. James Holaday, Air Force Recruiting

Service director of operations. “This is another useful tool for our recruiters out in the field, because it not only offers an additional monetary incentive for young people seeking an Air Force opportunity, but it also helps to balance our training class seats throughout the year.”

The Air Force has opportunities in nearly 200 career fields, with special emphasis this year in mechanical and technical career fields, as well as officer opportunities.

People interested in finding out more about Air Force opportunities and enlistment bonuses should contact their local Air Force recruiter or visit www.airforce.com.

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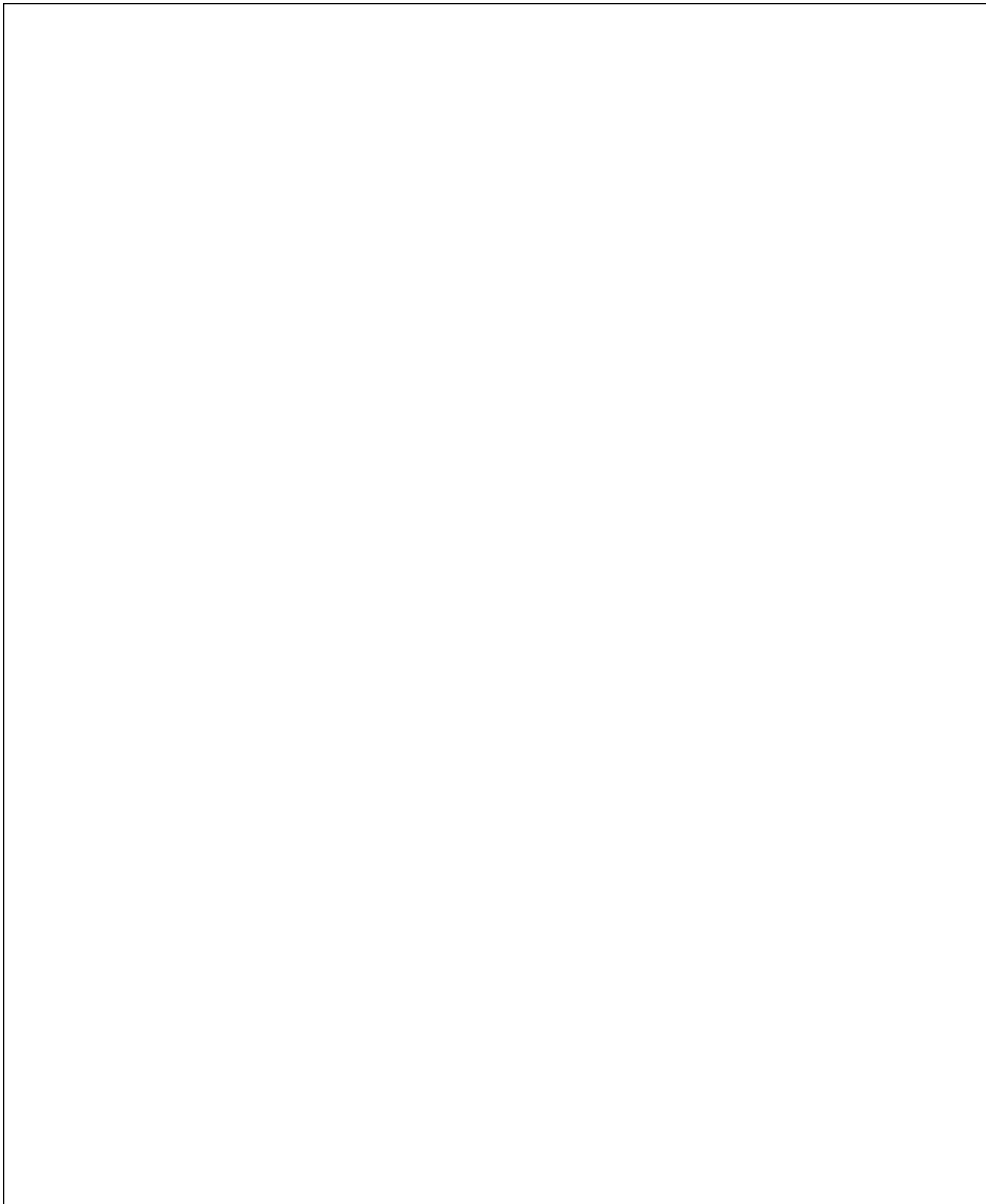
Scholarships available

The Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation are sponsoring \$1,500 in scholarships for children of military members. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15. The scholarships are open to college-bound or college-enrolled children of active-duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve military members. Applications are available at the commissary or at www.commissaries.com. For more information call 652-4898, ex. 3102.











Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Carlton Ward Jr.



Unit: 99th Communications Squadron

Duty Title: Mail clerk

Hometown: Portsmouth, Va.

Time in Air Force: 3 years and 6 months

Time at Nellis: 2 years and 2 months

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies, playing basketball and hanging out with my wife and friends.

What's my favorite Air Force memory? I had a really interesting time in Kuwait. I met many great people there.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis? I would like to see a more modern post office.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive







Putting out contracts – offers you can't refuse

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington
AWFC Public Affairs

As Air Force manpower shrank, missions increased and the budgets tightened, the Air Force and Nellis found smarter and better ways to do business. Commercial sourcing and privatization, consequently, have become new buzzwords and tools in the Air Force. Base contracting offices, like the 99th Contracting Squadron at Nellis, have become the agency forging these new tools.

The 99th CONS manages more than \$300 million in contracts yearly for Nellis. In fiscal year 2000, the 68 members of the squadron awarded more than \$106 million in contracts for construction, services and supplies for Nellis.

In March 2000, contracting offices Air Force-wide reorganized to better serve their customers. "Instead of the old 'stove-pipe' approach in contracting, Nellis is now divided into four flights designed to better serve the customer," said Senior Master Sergeant Kevin E. Slone, 99th CONS superintendent. Contracting is now divided into specialized, infrastructure, base operations support and plans and programs flights.

Specialized flight

Most of the multi-million dollar contracts are handled by the specialized flight. These contracts deal exclusively with the Range Management Office and the 3.1-million-acre Nevada Test and Training Range. According to Mr. George Kuranko, contracting specialist, the specialized flight manages several contracts for the range for services such as civil engineering, transportation and security guards for Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, the Tonopah area and several other small areas on the Range.

"All the contractors (on the Range) have to work together to get the job done," Mr. Kuranko said.

Infrastructure flight

The 99th Civil Engineering Squadron is the largest organizational contracting customer. The infrastructure flight handles construction, services and commodity buying for the 99th CES, 820th RED HORSE and Environmental Flight.

"If it has to do with the base infrastructure or civil engineering, then it's ours," said Mr. W. Randolph, chief of infrastructure flight.

The infrastructure flight also manages several programs that keep

companies on standby. For example, contracting has a \$1.8 million contract with a local company for painting; a potential \$3.5 million contract for paving; and another to pump sludge from oil-water separators. "Many of these are service contracts that perform work on a schedule or as needed," said Mr. Randolph.

On a more routine nature, the infrastructure flight also works with engineers to manage a multi-million dollar housing maintenance contract and another for utilities. In one year the base consumes more than \$6 million worth of electricity and another \$1 million in natural gas.

Base operations support flight

Contracts not associated with the range or civil engineering are managed by the base operations support

flight. This flight has the broadest scope of base customers.

"We're kind of like the potpourri flight – we do a little bit of everything," said Ms. Jacquelyn Buky, base operations support flight chief.

The flight works contracts for services such as laundry, dry cleaning, food services, lodging, small range contracts and tenant units, such as the 6th Army Recruiting Brigade.

Sgt. Slone said that the flight is currently negotiating with the National Industry for the Severely Handicapped for dining facility operations.

The flight also supports the base honor guard, hospital prescription call-in service, the Red Flag Nellis Air Combat Tracking System, and a contract to compile and publish tactics manuals for foreign military services.

Ms. Buky said that the flight is vital to Nellis today. "We're important for day-to-day life at Nellis," she said. "As other flights are working on projects to begin weeks or months from now, this flight oversees contracts that affect people daily."

Plans and programs flight

The most recognized program on Nellis is the Air Force government-wide purchase card program. Formerly known as the IMPAC card, this is a VISA card that allows specially trained individuals to purchase services, supplies and limited construction. In fiscal year 2000 more than 650 cardholders on Nellis spent more than \$23 million.

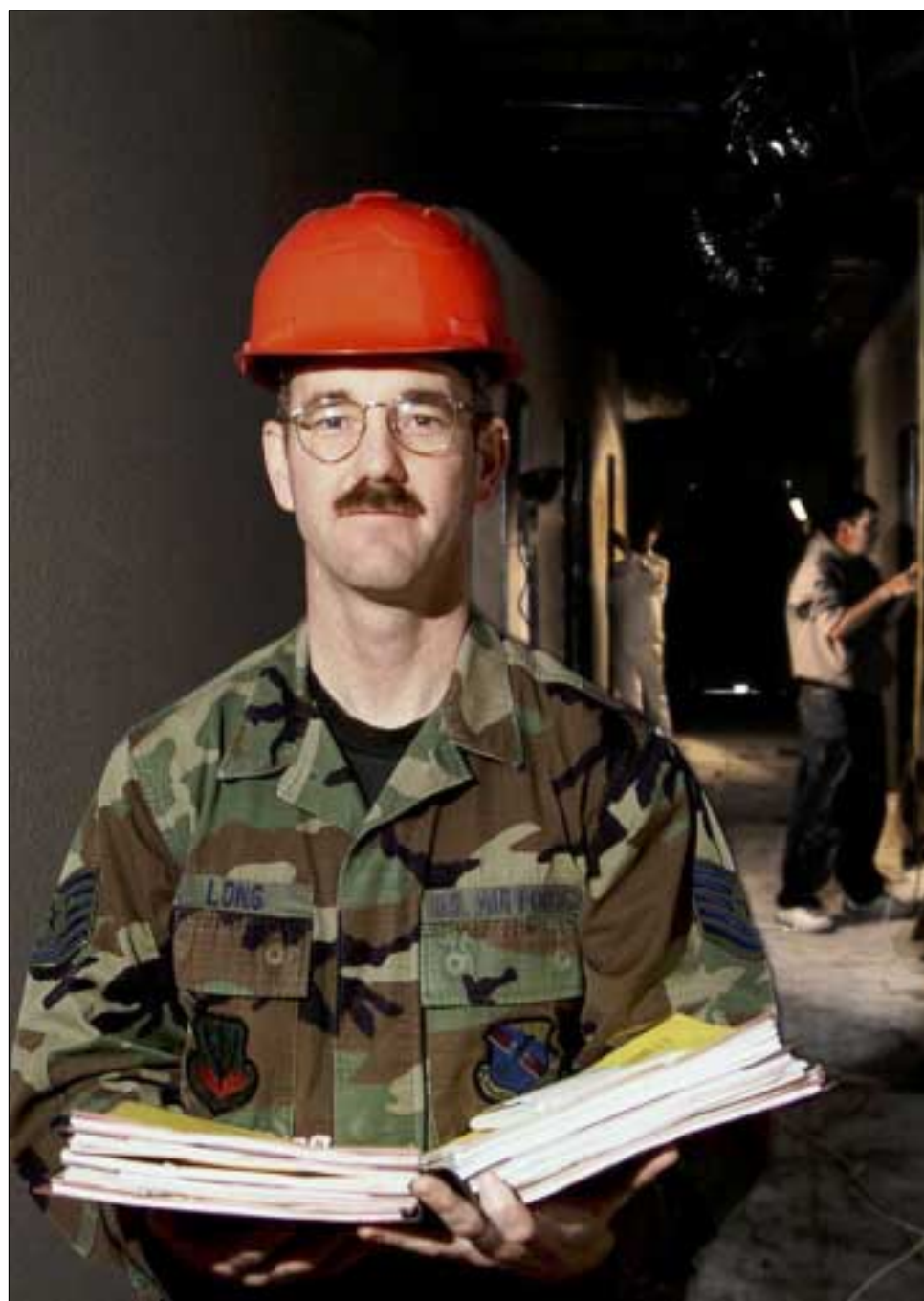
Ms. Eather Stewart, team leader, said the government-wide purchase card program reduces the administrative cost of acquiring low-dollar items and services. "In short, it is faster, cheaper and a better way of doing business," said Ms. Stewart. "The users get what they want when they want it."

Performance-based contracts, such as base laundry, dining facility attendants and military family housing maintenance, are also managed by the plans and programs flight. "This type of contract provides flexibility, promotes acquisition reform principles, and encourages commercial practices," said Ms. Stewart.

The real meat of the flight is the team responsible for the automated systems associated with contracting. According to Ms. Denise Cole, a procurement technician assigned to the team, they assure that the complex programs and network systems involved in running the contracting system work.

Contingency or deployment readiness is a concern of Sgt. Slone. In 2000, squadron members spent more than 320 days deployed. People routinely deploy with the 820th RED HORSE and on Air Expeditionary Force taskings. Sgt. Slone said members need to be ready.

Sgt. Slone and many others agree that doing business with non-government companies will become more important as the Air Force seeks better ways of doing things. According to Mr. George Salton, director of business operations, "The Air Force is doing more of its business the commercial way...from products to processes, contracting is leading the way!"



Tech. Sgt. Deric Long, 99th Contracting Squadron, oversees the work of contractors as a part of his duties to ensure Nellis is one step ahead. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)



Hero in our midst – World War II vet hangs out at Nellis

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

Nellis boasts many claims to fame, but one of the least known is the retired war hero that frequents many base facilities.

Retired Major Frank Rollins, a former B-17 pilot, says he is lucky to be alive. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 after obtaining a commercial pilot's license. After being trained to fly various aircraft at Eglin, Wright-Patterson and Tyndall air force bases, Maj. Rollins, part of a contingent of approximately 700 experienced senior-ranking pilots, was shipped off to England in 1943.

"By the time we got there (to England), 50 percent of our flight crews were being shot down," said Maj. Rollins. "Shortages were so great, we had 20 and 21-year-old captains and majors. I had not been trained to fly B-17s, but when I arrived, I was assigned to fly a B-17 bomber."

Even though Maj. Rollins had never flown a B-17 before, he flew five 10 to 11-hour missions in six days. After his fifth mission, a very-tired Maj. Rollins was spotted by Brigadier General Bill Hudnell, the then chief of staff for materiel, Fifth Air Force, who was visiting the base. Gen. Hudnell was a personal friend of Maj. Rollins' family.

"Rollo, I didn't know you were a B-17 pilot," the general said.

"I'm not really, but I just flew five very-long B-17 missions," Maj. Rollins said.

"If you're not a B-17 pilot, we'll make you one," Gen. Hudnell said.

After a six-week training course, Maj. Rollins was made chief training pilot and later senior operations officer. Early in 1945, the squadron commander was shot down, and Maj. Rollins was made commander.

Less than one month later, Maj. Rollins was shot down over northeastern Germany, and sustained a hard landing in a potato field. Luckily, this was toward the very end of the war.

Maj. Rollins spent six and one-half months in a military hospital, and four years with crutches and braces. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, five Mission Awards and the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star for his heroic efforts in the war.

After retiring from the military, Maj. Rollins became a stockbroker, dabbled in real estate and other entrepreneurial endeavors.

When asked about his experience in the war, Maj. Rollins said, "I should have turned my collar around and been a minister instead of flying over there."



81-year-old retired Maj. Frank Rollins exercises at the base gym as a part of his daily routine. Although the WW II veteran sustained leg injuries when he ejected from his B-17 bomber 55 years ago, he doesn't let the injury slow him down. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi)

Learn how bar codes can improve business operations at free seminar

The Air Force Automatic Identification Technology Program Management Office at the Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is sponsoring a free bar-code seminar for all civilians, military,

and DoD contractors.

Whether you are in transportation, supply, maintenance, medical, or any other area, learn how bar codes can improve your daily business processes. See hardware demonstrations and find out what Air

Force-owned software is available at no charge to your organization.

Come to this free bar-code seminar March 8 at the Officers Club. The seminar is from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is free for those attending.

To pre-register for the seminar e-mail barcode@cdotech.com or fax to 1-937- 258-1614. You can also call CDO Technologies, Dayton, Ohio, at 1-937-258-0022 or register at www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/LG/LSO/LOA/.







Visitation down by three percent at Lake Mead NRA

BOULDER CITY, Nev. – Visitation is down slightly from last year at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Figures just compiled by the National Park Service list total visitation at the recreation area for 2000 as 9,072,545; 278,692 down from last year's 9,351,237. This represents a decrease of three percent.

Nationwide, the National Park Service was down 2.2 million visitors for 2000.

Since the park service started collecting such figures in 1937, when 552,128 people visited, more than 302 million people visit some portion of the 1.5 million-acre recreation area created when Hoover Dam was built in 1935.

Ten years ago the visitation count flirted with nine million but didn't reach that figure until 1992 with 9.343 million. The count jumped to 9.9 million in 1994 and eclipsed the 10-million mark in

1995 but fell to 9.68 million in 1996 and 8.84 million in 1997.

Park officials have no absolute idea of why there was a three percent drop from last year, but the introduction of entrance stations may have had some impact on the count.

"Undoubtedly the cost of gasoline affected our visitors somewhat," said Dan Yeager, Lake Mead NRA chief of fee management. "There is also the question of the entrance stations. Many national parks notice a slight decrease the first year entrance stations are used," said Yeager. "Invariably those decreases are reversed the following year."

The decrease notwithstanding,

park officials believe the recreation experience at both Lakes Mead and Mohave is as good as



Lake Mead was visited by 9,072,545 people in 2000, three percent fewer visitors than in 1999. (File photo)

it has ever been.

"We continue to strive to meet our vision of being the premier inland water recreation area in the

West," said Bill Dickinson, park superintendent. "The three percent decrease may have been caused by any number of factors. The bottom line is we are not overly concerned and our efforts continue to be channeled towards making the visitor experience as rewarding and educational as possible."

He added the efforts of the entire park staff are designed to make the park a safe and enjoyable place to visit.

The Alan Bible Visitor Center and Katherine Landing Ranger Station in Arizona host a variety of educational programs and hikes throughout the year. For details on the most current programs available or other information about Lake Mead NRA, check the park's Web site, www.nps.gov/lame.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is a unit of the National Park Service.



Nellis teens are in style at the ‘Dock’

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

The Nellis Teen Center, located at the Community Center, the “Dock”, is all decked out and ready for spring and summer with new furniture and equipment that looks good enough to be on the “Strip.”

With new leather sofas and loveseat, 62-inch television set, and glow-in-the-dark carpet, the teens have a place they can be proud to frequent and host visitors.

“The new furniture was paid for with the help of money the teens earned themselves,” said Ms. Carol Padilla, Nellis Boys & Girls Club director. “Air Combat Command awarded us \$300 as first-place winners of the teen lock-in, which was a command-wide competition.”

The Teen Center also offers a weight

equipment room, with punching bags, exercise bikes, universal weights and speed bags; a music room, computer room, sewing equipment and a large dance floor. Rounding out the décor is a disc jockey booth, neon pool table, signs, air hockey table and black lights.

The teens helped decorate the “Dock”. “The grand opening will be a dance Feb. 10, 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members,” said Ms. Padilla. “We’ve hired a D.J. and there will be lots of food.”

The “Dock” is currently open noon to 4 p.m. weekdays. Summer hours are 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays, for ages 13 to 18. “The Teen Center gives the teens a chance to see what they’re doing and how they’re doing it,” Ms. Padilla said. “This is the place for them to come and do their own thing.”



Ms. Carol Padilla , director of the Nellis Boys & Girls Club, tries out the new sports equipment at the “Dock”. (Photo by Senior Airman Kenny Kennemer)



New sick call procedures help active duty

New active-duty sick call appointment procedures began Feb 1. With direct telephone access, all you do is call central appointments at 653-2778 and select option number 1 for the active-duty sick-call clerk.

The old system usually required rushing out the door to get to the clinic by 6:45 a.m. By the time you arrived at the Family Practice clinic, you may have been 25th in line. Not only are you feeling sick, you're now discouraged as you may be in the clinic for an extended period of time waiting your turn. The 99th Medi-

cal Group heard your concerns.

With the new system, central appointments' direct telephone access is available starting at 6:30 a.m. When you call you'll receive a priority appointment at your convenience for either the morning or afternoon. You can get a sick call appointment any time between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please understand that the reason for active duty sick call has not changed. Active-duty sick call is used to determine your ability to perform your mission. Active-duty sick call should not be

used for medication refills, chronic illnesses, routine or follow-up care.

With direct telephone access by appointment, you'll be better able to predict and plan your day, decrease the amount of time spent at the hospital and ultimately take better care of yourself, your family and the mission.

To make a sick call appointment, call 653-2778.

Editor's note: Information provided by the 99th Medical Group.

Supply training

The 99th Supply Squadron Customer Service element will conduct in-house training every Thursday between 3 and 4 p.m. Only emergency and priority requests will be taken during these times. For more information, call 652-5520.



F-22 program meets goals, clearing way for critical production decision

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company has cleared the way for an F-22 production decision with the completion of the final two requirements — the first flight of Raptor 4006 and initiating radar cross section testing, Air Force officials said Feb. 5.

Raptor 4006 flew for 72 minutes after taking off from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company facilities in Marietta, Ga., Feb. 5. "I had every confidence the flight would be successful," said Brig. Gen. Jay Jabour, F-22 system program director. "A carbon copy of Raptor 4004, it posed no technical challenges, but it is great to have this achievement behind us."

The other requirement, initiation of radar cross-section testing, which validates the aircraft's "stealthiness," was satisfied recently. An F-22 was previously checked for its degree of stealth on the ground during the RCS turntable measurement at the Marietta facilities. The aircraft was then flown and checked aerodynamically. The test flight dynamic results can now be compared to the turntable results to gain confidence in the manufacturing methods that produce stealth capabilities, officials said.

"The RCS characteristics of the F-22 are some of the most advanced in the world," Gen. Jabour said. "Combine this

stealth capability with the F-22's first-look, first-shot, first-kill capability and you have the premiere fighter aircraft in the world for the next 20 years.

The F-22 will guarantee U.S. and friendly forces control of the skies over the battlefield well into the 21st century, Jabour said. This unequalled air supremacy will reduce the risk to American and friendly forces on land, in the air, and over water in all types of conflicts.

Raptor 4006 will undergo additional flight-testing at Marietta before joining the F-22 program's flight test fleet at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., later this month.

The F-22 program is pioneering an effort to use the ground-based RCS testing vs. flight testing the radar cross-section. The data collected from the RCS test initiation flight, compiled with earlier data, will aid in proving the acceptability of ground-based tests, potentially saving more than \$400 million during the life of the F-22 program.

The F-22 program is managed by the F-22 system program office at the Aeronautical Systems Center here.

The Boeing Company, Seattle, and Pratt & Whitney, Hartford, Conn. also teamed with the Air Force and Lockheed Martin to develop and produce the F-22, which is slated to be operational in 2005.



The F-22 represents the next generation of air superiority fighter aircraft. Its combination of bleeding-edge avionics and stealth technology make it the premier fighter aircraft of the 21st century. (Air Force News Service photo)



Sports competitions

Participate in Corporate Challenge!

The Las Vegas Corporate Challenge is an Olympic style sporting competition that includes everything from archery to tug-o-war and volleyball. Corporate Challenge events run April 5 through May 12. Sign up deadline is March 15. Men and women of all abilities can represent Nellis Air Force Base in this citywide event as volunteers or athletes. Waiver/registration forms are available at Outdoor Recreation, Community Center, Golf Course, Sports & Fitness Center, Bowling Center and the Gun Club. Volunteers and team captains are also needed. Active duty and retired military and DoD civilians are eligible. Call Mr. Mike Clegg at 652-8967 for more information.

Represent Nellis in the Swim with Sharks Pool Tournament

Have you got what it takes to represent Nellis Air Force Base at the Air Combat Command 8-Ball Tournament at Seymour-Johnson AFB April 25 through 27? All interested Enlisted Club members and squadron teams can get an application from the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club before Feb. 21. Base tournament begins Feb. 26. Call Mr. Bill Brown at 652-9733 or Ms. Beth McDuffie at 652-5655 for more information. Sponsored in part by Allied Domecq Spirits USA (makers of Canadian Club and Beefeater brands), First USA Bank, and MilitaryMoves.com. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Basketball standings

American League

99 SFS#1	10-1
99 SVS	7-3
99 CES#2	6-3
57 EMS	8-3
820 RH	7-3
57 OSS	6-4
99 COMM	6-5
15 RS	4-5
USAFADS	4-7
57 EAGLE	3-7
99 CONS	2-9
66 RQS	2-9

National League

99 CES#1	9-0
USAR	9-2
99 CPTS	7-4
57 FALCON	6-3
99 SUP	7-5
99 MED GP	5-5
99 SFS#2	4-6
11 RS	2-8
57 CRS	0-9

Closures

Sports & Fitness Center

Mark your calendars—the Sports & Fitness Center will be closed from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 11. For more information, call 652-4891.

Time Out

Time Out Sports Bar & Grill will be closed Feb. 14 through 24 for installation of air conditioning in the kitchen. Time Out reopens on Feb. 25 with new hours of operation; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Wednesday and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to midnight.



Automotive Skills 652-2284

Brake class

Free rear drum brake class is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Call Automotive Skills for more information.

Base Theater 652-5020

Today

Dude, Where's My Car? (R)

Ashton Kutcher, Sean William

Saturday, Sunday, Emperor's New Groove (G)

Animated

Monday

Miss Congeniality (PG-13)

Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine

**** The theater is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.****

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the e-mail mail list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcn.com.

Base Library 652-4484

Preschool storytime

Encourage children to read, enjoy coming to the library and have fun with crafts Tuesday and Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. Space is limited. Call or stop by to register.

Bowling Center 652-2160

Bowling tournament

Tournament is Feb. 17 at the Nellis Bowling Center starting at 2 p.m. Individuals will have to bowl in a minimum of four monthly tournaments to be eligible for the final tournament in July. Entries will determine prize money. For more information, contact Mr. John Graham.

Chapel 652-2950

Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Religious education

Catholic religious education classes for ages 3 through 12th grade are Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953.

RCIA, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 651-6587.

Protestant religious education classes (18 months to adult) are Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

Young Adult Ministry meets Tuesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

Men of the Chapel meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Chapel Annex. For more in-

formation, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Christian Military Fellowship joins Officers' Christian Fellowship in providing weekly Bible studies to all ranks. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

The National Prayer Luncheon is Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Enlisted Club. Tickets are \$5 for all ranks and can be purchased through first sergeants or the base chapel. For more information, call the chapel.

"Lord, I Want to Know You" is a study of the names and character of God. Classes are Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 643-5981.

Gospel Extravaganza: Come celebrate Gospel music in celebration of Black History Month! The African American Cultural Association will be hosting a Gospel Extravaganza at the base chapel on Feb. 25, at 3:30 p.m. Choirs from Mountaintop Faith Ministries and Victory Missionary Baptist Church will join the Nellis Chapel Choir. For more information, call 652-4648.

Community Center 652-5014

Party place

Have a birthday party, awards ceremony or special dance occasion at the Com-

munity Center. The Community Center is equipped with a wooden dance floor and a large carpeted area with tables on the premises. Cost is \$50 for up to 6 hours. Call the Community Center at 652-5014 to reserve.

Martial arts classes

Ongoing class is \$10 per month on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Center. Class for children ages 10 through 16 is 6 to 7 p.m. and adult class is 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the Community Center.

Education Center 652-5280

CCAF

Attention spring graduates! If you will be graduating this spring from the Community College of the Air Force, you must submit all your documents to the Education Center not later than Feb. 16. If you have any questions about your graduation eligibility or would like to ensure you are "good to go", please give us a call at 652-5280 to schedule an appointment with our counselor.

University of Oklahoma

Organizations: Design, Structure and Process (PSC 5102) begins March 31. Deadline to enroll for this

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course is March 1. OU offers the master of public administration, a 36-hour professional degree program which may be completed in less than 2 years. For more information, call 652-9453 or e-mail apnellis@ou.edu.

Course 5 tests

Testing hours are changing for the Senior NCO Academy Correspondence Course (Course 5.) New times are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please contact Staff Sgt. Kat Padilla at 652-5275 if you have any questions.

VEAP

Do you read the bottom of your LES? The end-of-month LES stated, "Public Law 106-419 provides an opportunity for personnel with Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program accounts to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill. See your education services office or personnel office for details." This is pretty exciting news! We anticipate the conversion to begin later this month and run through the fall. All eligible Nellis VEAP participants will be notified as soon as we receive the list and guidance from Air Combat Command. If you would like to learn more about Public Law 106-419, visit www.gibill.va.gov/education/News under Questions and Answers Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000.

**Family Support
Center
652-3327**

Money talks

Come to the couple's communication class Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and learn to communicate about a major issue. You will learn to assess your individual "money history" and learn to compromise with one another. Refreshment will be provided, and one couple will win a prize. To reserve seats call 652-3327.

Choices

Are you interested in being a volunteer for a school-to-careers program? This unique community partner-

ship brings trained volunteers into the classroom to help students learn how to make sound educational and life choices. The training is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and will be conducted by Master Sgt. Paul Dominguez. Registration ends today.

Magnet school

Plan now to attend an information meeting about elementary, middle school, and high school magnet programs Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. A speaker from the Clark County School District will provide information, applications, and answer questions.

Tax class

What type of return is best for you? And which forms should you use when filing your tax return? Do you know which deductions you can legally claim? Whether you are a first-time tax filer or have filed your taxes for years, we will be here to help you Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Social security

The Family Support Center sponsors a program to help with the registration for a social security number. Feb. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A Social Security Office representative will be available to assist with Social Security registration, replacement card requests, name changes and new card applications. Stop by the Family Support Center now to pick up an application to ensure you have the proper original documents.

**HAWC
653-3375**

HAWC hours

The Health and Wellness Center is now open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

5K fun run

The Commander's Wellness Cup Competition will kick off with a 5K Run/Walk Feb.

23 at 7:30 a.m. at the Sports and Fitness Center. T-shirts will be given to those who place first, second and third in the age categories. To sign up or pre-register, contact the Sports and Fitness Center at 652-4891. All participants will be given 100 points towards the Commander's Wellness Cup. For more information, call the HAWC at 653-3375/3376.

**Nellis Boys
& Girls Club
652-9307**

Preteen arcade trip

Ages 9 through 12 can take a trip to the Luxor Hotel Arcade today from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 and extra money is needed for the arcade games.

Teen dance

Ages 13 through 18 can dance the night away from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Community Center "Dock" Saturday. Cost is \$2 for Boys & Girls Club members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Cooking classes

Ages 11 through 18 can be creative in the kitchen. Hands-on cooking is at 2 p.m. and cake decorating at 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Boys & Girls Club. Cost for each class is \$10 per month.

Drawing contest

Ages 9 through 18 can participate in the African American Drawing Contest through Feb. 18. Winners receive free movie passes to Boulder Station Movie Theater. Call Ms. Sherry Franklin for more information.

Fashion show

Come to the Community Center "Dock" Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. for a free fashion show. Casual, sport and after-five apparel from the AAFES Base Exchange will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

Parents' day out

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club is giving parents a break.

Children age 6 through 12 with a referral can stay at the Boys & Girls Club for Parents' Day Out Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information or to reserve a spot, call the Boys & Girls Club at 652-9307.

Smart girl program

Every Tuesday until March 6, young women ages 10 through 15 can learn methods of prevention to life's negative influences. Class is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Girls will receive a certificate of completion from the program.

Guitar lessons

Youth ages 5 years to adult can take private guitar lessons at the Boys & Girls Club Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 8 p.m. Price is \$40 per month for half-hour lessons and \$60 per month for 45-minute lessons. Call 652-9307 for more information.

Dance classes

Ages 3 years to adult can take weekly classes of Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Irish dance or a combination class of two or more subjects at the Boys & Girls Club. Activity cards are required for all youth ages 6 and up. Price ranges vary with age groups and length of class. Call 652-9307 for class schedules.

**Outdoor Recreation
652-8967**

Red Rock day tour

Depart Outdoor Recreation at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Feb. 17. Sightsee at Red Rock and visit Bonnie Springs Ranch. Cost is \$12 and includes entrance fee to park.

**Skills Development
Center
652-2849**

Valentine's Day

Come to Balloons 'n' More in the Skills Development Center now until Wednesday and buy an already arranged balloon bouquet or create a new one. Bouquets start as low as \$7.50. Bring a small gift item to attach or purchase one from the

center. Valentine's Bouquets are delivered free on base in Manch Manor and Areas II and III.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking workshops are conducted Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays 9 to 11 a.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Class is \$3 and a cost of \$6 to \$13 is applied depending on material used. Bring six to 10 photos and take home a completed page. Beginners and experienced scrapbookers are welcomed.

**Tickets & Tours
652-6436**

Drew Carey Show

Come see a taping of the Drew Carey Show and tour the Warner Brothers studio Feb. 21. Must be 16 or older. Price is \$70 per person and a \$25 deposit fee is required when making a reservation. For more information, call 652-2192.

Lift tickets

Don't miss out on the great discounts offered at Tickets & Tours, 4349 Duffer Dr., located in Building 625. Lift tickets go on sale each Wednesday for the entire following week. Military ID holders' weekday lift tickets are \$15 Monday through Thursday and \$19 Friday through Sunday. Anyone else on base can purchase any day ski tickets for \$23. For more information, call ITT at 652-2192.

**Volunteer
Opportunities**

Thrift Shop

For those who have a little extra time on their hands, the Thrift Shop needs volunteers. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 644-3777.

Drivers needed

The Skills Development Center needs drivers to deliver Valentine Day bouquets on base, in Areas II and III and in Manch Manor housing Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicles will be provided. Interested individuals can call Ms. Stephanie Pittman at 652-2849.

